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NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 1975

The Club swimming pool is a facility that most of us appreciate and enjoy. It is pleasant to sit around; it is good to relax in and it is ideal for the children to learn to swim in. To date our pool has been accident-free and has been maintained to a very high standard of cleanliness - both of these contribute to the care free enjoyment we get from it. In order to keep these good records we should all observe the simple rules which are detailed in By-Law 15. We are mainly concerned at this time with the safety of young children and with keeping the pool area clean and the water infection-free. The former is a parental responsibility and requires close supervision of children and particularly of non-swimmers wearing rubber rings. The latter concerns us all: we can all help in maintaining the cleanliness of the pool by observing the no-shoes-in-the-poolside-area rule.



CLUB NEWS

BY LAWS OF THE CLUB

By Law 3 (Use of Club Facilities) has been amended.

Details of the proposed amendment have been displayed on the Notice boards.

Amended copies of the By Laws are available from the Office.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee will meet on the following dates in May

Tuesday 13 May at 5.45 pm.

Tuesday 27 May at 5.30 pm.

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NEW MEMBERS

- a. The Application for Membership and Ladies Privilege booklet has been revised and reprinted. The booklet which has an orange cover should now be used by all new applicants.
- b. With effect from May the procedure for introducing new members to the Committee will be changed as follows:
  - (1) There will only be one new members evening each month.
  - (2) New members will be invited to meet the Committee in the Dining Room between 5.15 and 5.45 pm.

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NEW MEMBERS NIGHT - MAY 1975

The New Members Night in May will be held on Tuesday 13 May.

The members of the General Committee will be in the Dining Room from 5.15 to 5.45 pm.

LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A subcommittee has been tasked to look at ways of improving present facilities of the Club and to suggest possible new amenities. The Chairman of the subcommittee is Mr. C. Stewart.

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GIFTS TO THE CLUB

The General Committee wishes to thank the Bowling Section for donating the Dents League Clock to the Club. The clock has been put up at the Poolside Bar.

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TRAFFIC CIRCUIT

The road that runs between the swimming pool and the front lawn will be closed between 11 am. and 5 pm. on Saturdays and Sundays for a trial period.

The closure is designed mainly to reduce the risk of accident on those days when the Club is most used and particularly when a function is staged on the Front Lawn.

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CINEMA

Because of the combination of poor films available and low attendances the Committee has decided to discontinue Sunday film shows from 1 May until the quality of films can be improved.

It is hoped to arrange film shows for the children on Sunday afternoons from time to time.

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DINING ROOM

Due to pressure of business at lunch time it is regretted that children under the age of 12 years cannot be served in the Dining Room between 1130 am and 2 pm until further notice.

## WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined the club since the issue of last Newsletter (up to 18 April).

W.C. Avery	A. MacNamara (NV)
L. Alexander (NV)	E.D. McLaren (LP)
A.J. Angell (NV)	P.D. Partridge
B. Coughlan	W.B. Tait (NV)
S.M. Fairweather	R. Torey
J.L. Isles	M.D. Veitch
J.H. Julius	I.T.C. Wilson
L.P. Kirwan	L.C. Young

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## MEMBERS ADDRESSES

Members are requested to check that the office records show their correct addresses and telephone numbers. A quick check revealed that several members had not informed the club of their recent changes of home address and telephone number.

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## DISCOUNT SERVICE

Dunlop Thailand Limited have offered a ten per cent discount on all goods, except those being sold at special clearance prices, at their Convent Road and Rajdamri Arcade showrooms. Members requesting the discount must produce their BC membership Card.

## VISITING SHIPS

23 - 27 May

HMA Submarine 'OTWAY'

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Football Results

26 Mar            v            HMS Achilles            Lost    3 - 1

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### Badminton

The Scandinavian Society is trying to organise friendly badminton matches against other Clubs and Societies in Bangkok. Would anyone who is prepared to organise a group of shuttlers to play the Scandinavians, please contact Mr. Henrik Melchior at East Asiatic Company, Oriental Avenue. Telephone 31020 Ext. 35.

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### Squash

The new squash subcommittee consists of the following Club members:

Bob Boulter	John Dickerson
Reg Beesley	Mike Ward
Dave Brunwin	Dave Workman



BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE : FROM BCT

"AS YOU LIKE IT", the Bangkok Community Theatre's first Shakespearean offering opens on 15 May at the Villa Theatre Supper Club (between Sois 33 & 35, Sukhumvit Rd). Directed by Wendy Farer Guillou, the cast includes several BCT "old-timers" such as Simon Benians, Gavin Anderson, Nicki O'Shea, John Harris, Gudrun Deckert, Nevill Laing, Bob Bachler, Burghart Joergensen and Charles Draper, with Sally Anderson as "Rosalind". There are also lots of new Thespians helping to make this one of BCT's biggest, best and most popular. Matinee performances begin at 3 pm. and evening performances at 8 pm., preceded by Wim Ramkomut's excellent dinners from 6.30 pm.

The Season:

Thursday	15 May	8 pm	Tuesday	20 May	3 pm
Friday	16 May	8 pm	Thursday	22 May	8 pm
Saturday	17 May	8 pm	Friday	23 May	8 pm
Sunday	18 May	3 pm	Saturday	24 May	3 pm & 8 pm

The box plan opens at the Villa Club on 10 May (phone 910501), and group bookings for children at concessional prices may be made now by phoning Janet Fees, 525040 Extn 259 (office) or 210 (home) or Tipp Kanjanavisut, 525040 Extn 240 (office) or 221848 (home).

BRIDGE NOTES

Match vs Dutch Club

Since the previous encounter with the Dutch, our playing strength had increased while their numbers had diminished. Thus, when the teams sat down at the baize on Wednesday 19 March, the British had 10 pairs (with an embarras de richesse in reserve) and the Dutch only 6. With the aid of an IBM 360/30 a match format had been worked out and after 20 boards the Dutch were judged winners by some 25 IMPS. A simultaneous pairs competition was also taken by the Dutch, with the best BC performance coming from the scratch pairing of David Bruce and David Mason to whom the Spottiswoodes were a close second.

Slam Pool

One of the Wednesday evening regular features is the slam pool which pays out on a grand slam bid and made. Recently seen with their fingers in this pot were Pat and Brian Honan, and Bill and Mary McAllister.

Wednesday Rubber

Five to six tables now usually sit down, and many people have been overheard to say "next week I must make the effort to get along". Note it in your diary now, please; we are happy to welcome new faces and glad to expand our membership.

Chicago Evening - 9 April

Twenty six players attended this evening, allowing 20 boards to be played, each player partnerin, another at each board. Prizes were distributed to Tony Spottiswoode, John Mumby, Babara Cohen, Pat Honan, David Bruce and Mike Dutton (who emerged protesting from the bar to make up numbers, but who now intends to become a regular!)



FORTH COMING ATTRACTIONS

BRITISH CLUB NIGHT

The British Club Night scheduled to be held on Friday 20 June will probably be the last out door evening before the 'rains'. In addition to a good band we are hoping that entertainment will be provided by some if not all of the national groups represented in the Clubs membership. As usual there will also be good food available - in the form of a buffet. Please note the date and come along on Friday 20 June.

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GATSBY NIGHT

The main social event in August will have Gatsby as its theme. Those intending to come might like to think about this now especially as several of the main stores in town still have well-stocked Gatsby stalls. Note the date - Saturday 23 August.

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LADIES GOLF

Fixtures

- 6 May Don Muang Golf Course - Bogey  
Starter: Sheila Neville 916000 Ext. 39  
13 May Railway Golf Course - Stableford  
Starter: Josette Fisher 529417  
20 May Hua Mark Golf Course - 4 Ball Best Ball  
Starter: Christine Howell 928662  
27 May Army Golf Course - Monthly Medal  
Starter: Maureen Parish 526679 Ext. 54

Results

- Astral Cup : Winner - Mrs. J. Reid  
- Runner-up - Mrs. C. Howell

Lepetit Knock-out: Silver Division

Mrs. H. Greenberg beat Mrs. J. Jurgens 5 + 4

Lepetit Knock-out: Bronze Division

Mrs. M. Ivarov beat Mrs. T. Stultiens - 2 up

The Wynne Lapping Memorial. Competition was held on the 25 March raised Baht 1,280.-, the proceeds of which will go to the Rangsit Orphanage to provide either clothes or equipment.

- Winner - Mrs. C. Howell  
(The winner's prize kindly donated by Alastair Lapping)  
Runner-up - Mrs. G. Farnstrom.



GOLF NEWS

Forthcoming Fixtures

11 May	Medal	Rose Garden	7.00 am tee-off
24-25 May	36 hole Mixed Stableford	Khao Yai	

Khao Yai

The annual visit to Khao Yai has been scheduled for 23-25 May. Accommodation has been booked and the Golf course awaits our onslaught. Coombs' steaks are also being organised for a Barbeque. If you haven't signed up for this relaxing golf weekend do so without delay .....

Medal

The bi-monthly medal competition held at the Rose Garden on 16 March was won by Arthur Phillips who reappeared after a long absence from the BC golf scene. His winning score of 69 (Gross 90) was the result of very steady play and was enough to pip Peter Ryder and Mike Phelan who both returned 70. Mike Phelan's gross score of 74 was outstanding and earned him the prize for the lowest gross of the day.

Captain's Prize

This prize, donated and presented by last year's Captain Alastair Lapping, was played concurrently with the bi-monthly medal. The winner, this time adjudged advertently, was John ('Cobber') Burrows whose 39 for the par 4's earned him a "shooting stick". Further comment would be superfluous .....

Stableford Aggregate

On one of the hottest playing days of the season this tournament was won at Hua Mark by the Scottish combination of Duncan Byars and John Wood who amassed 67 Stableford points. Runners-up, with the very respectable score of 65 points, were the untried Commonwealth combination of Ken Pope and Leon Vanderwatt.

Match Versus American Chamber of Commerce

A strong (in numbers) BC team lost yet again at the Siam Country Club on 13 April to their cousins in the American Chamber of Commerce - the margin being 6 points. As the BC Captain so rightly said when congratulating his opposite number on the ACC victory: "The British Club has again failed to find a winning formula". He promised however to find one for next year's match. The only solution that appears to be fool-proof, at least at the time of writing, is to sack the Handicapper one month before the match, burn all records of past scores and invite members to select their handicaps for the event. Would the Golf Committee please record this serious suggestion for next year ? ....

Despite the loss of honour, our pride was salvaged by winning three of the four open prizes viz.

Long Drive : Eric Howell

Nearest the Pin : Don Wyber and Van Mumby

Best British scores on the day, for which prizes were awarded, were as follows:

- Combined Stableford Winners : James Davidson + John Mumby
- Runners-up : Lloyd Thomas + Luke Shirley
- Individual Prize : Tom Robertson
- Runner-up : Leon Vanderwatt
- Runner-up : Ian Long
- Best Low Gross : James Davidson (who prefers not to divulge his score !)

Eagle's Nest

The nest with 20 gleaming Dunlop 65's remains intact .....



## SWIMMING NEWS

### World Champions At the Club

Saturday 12 April was a great day for the swimming section, as it was indeed for all members of the club, as they were able entertain five members of the Australian Swimming Team who were a their way home after competing in Tokyo and London. The team which included too reigning World Champions demonstrated their skills and techniques and spent over an hour passing these on our young swimmers.

The team comprised:

Jenny Turrall (14 years)  
Current World record holder Ladies 1500 metres  
freestyle

Stephen Holland (16 years)  
Current World record holder Mens 800 metres and 1500 metre  
freestyle

Judy Hudson  
Sonya Gray  
Graham Windeatt (Team Captain)

### BAC International Meet

An inter club meet was held at the American Sports Club (Soi 71) over the weekend 19/20 April. Although the BC group was well down in the overall inter-club points count, once again individuals and relay teams produced some good results and many individual times were improved. Full details will be published in next months Newsletter.

## TENNIS NEWS

### Tennis Leagues

It was evident during the drubbing which the British Club received at the hands of the tennis section of the Singapore Cricket Club that practically all players were out of practice and lacked competitive match play. Everyone had at least one stroke which was not working properly and even those who managed to take one set from our opponents lost the third set due to the lack of competitive match play.

A return match against the Singapore Cricket Club is planned for the end of the year and other matches against the Sports Club and further clubs are planned. To avoid embarrassment due to poor performance it is essential to raise the standard of match play at the British Club. To this end the tennis committee has decided to introduce tennis leagues along the same lines as the squash leagues. Anyone returning to Bangkok after a year away can vouch for the fact that the squash leagues have raised the standard and competitive will to win amongst ones friends-especially those whom we used to beat! It is hoped that the tennis leagues will have the same effect on tennis standards.

The first tennis league will be singles only and like the squash leagues will be divided into several Divisions with no distinction between men and women. It will run between 5 May and 30 June when the tennis season may have to close due to rains. It will, therefore, provide the last opportunity for all players to improve their tennis before the end of the season. It will be run during the off month of the squash league so that squash league players will have time to participate.

All matches will be of two sets only and the ranking of players will be made at the end of the league from the total number of sets each player wins. This will allow league games to be played after work in the evening from 5 pm. onwards, as well as on weekends. An entrance fee of ฿ 50 will be charged to the account of each participant, as for the squash leagues.

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People who have just started learning or playing tennis are particularly invited to join the leagues as it will give them good match play, a chance to meet other keen learners in their particular Division and to improve within the Division system. As for the squash league the top two or three ranking players in each Division will be promoted to the next Division. Arrangements could be made for coaching, if there is sufficient interest. New members are also particularly invited to join the leagues as it will enable them to meet the regular players in the club.

All interested tennis players should complete the enclosed application form immediately after reading this Newsletter and return to the British Club by 4 May 1975.

### SQUASH NEWS

#### Seventh League

At the time of writing there are only two weeks left before the end of the Seventh League and it looks as though there is going to be the usual traffic jam of players caught in the rush to complete their programmes on time. Hopefully, everyone managed to get all their games played and so spared the subcommittee from an extended beer drinking session whilst sorting out the walkover claims.

The Seventh League has had its fair share of ups and downs. Division one's newcomer, Reg Beesley, has been filing 3-0 wins as though any other result was out of fashion, and Paul Frankland, another league newcomer is up to the same tricks in Division 4. It's also good to see last leagues' Divisions 5 & 6 winners keeping up their momentum and threatening to pull off similar victories in Divisions 4 & 5. The overall standard of play is showing a marked improvement as a result of league matches, most noticeably in the lower divisions. A possible reflection of this being the drop in injuries this league!

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A continual topic of conversation around the poolside bar these days is the new Slazenger black ball. Not only has it caused the defeat of several players who would never normally have lost to their opponents (?) it has also become the prime mover in a proposed perpetual motion machine that was designed well after playing hours one night in the Main Bar. "Robinson" should definitely be suffixed to that inventor's surname.

The 8th League will be under way on the 1 June and entry forms are enclosed with the Newsletter. New entrants are reminded to submit the results of at least three matches against league players of similar standard.

#### End of League Social

To be held in the main bar at 7.30 on Friday 16 May. Prizes for the Seventh League will be presented at the social. It is also planned to stage an exhibition match immediately prior to the social, details of which will be announced on the notice board outside Court No. 1.

#### Round Robin

The next Round Robin will be held on Saturday 31 May. By way of a change it's planned to go back to the old format of a general free for all with both the morning and afternoon sessions being open to players from all divisions. So if you fancy a pleasant day's squash and a chance to beat a suitably handicapped higher division player, come along.

#### Coaching

Those of you who had the benefit of Colleen Perry's coaching were doubly sad to hear of her recent illness. Colleen is now out and about again after a stay in the Nursing Home and although as yet unfit for regular play is, happily, back on the road to recovery.

As luck would have it Len Alexander has recently joined the Club and has offered to take over coaching where Colleen left off. Len runs his own squash centre in Australia and anyone who has had the chance to see him in action knows what an accomplished exponent of the game he is. There will be a notice posted soon giving more details to those interested in sharpening up their game.



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Daily Sessions 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 pm.

Contact: Telephone 516529 or call at the Gallery in Floenchit Arcade (opposite entrance to Foodland)

EDITORS NOTES

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Advertisers interested in purchasing the space on the inside covers of the Newsletter are requested to contact the Editors.

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